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SUBJECT: QUEBEC CITY REACTION TO AMBASSADOR'S MONTREAL SPEECH

1. MARCH 23, LE SOLEIL CARRIED ARTICLE ENTITLED "AMERICAN AMBASSADOR REASSURES HIS COMPATRIOTS" IN ITS SECTION ON "NATIONAL NEWS." WRITTEN BY PAPER'S MONTREAL CORRESPONDENT GILLES BOIVIN, ARTICLE NOTES AMBASSADOR INVITED AMERICAN FIRMS TO REMAIN IN QUEBEC AND CONDUCT THEIR AFFAIRS IN NORMAL FASHION, INCLUDING SCRUPULOUSLY RESPECTING FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL LANGUAGE LAWS. GIVING EXAMPLE TO BACK

UP HIS PREACHING, AMBASSADOR DELIVERED WHOLE TEXT IN A FRENCH WHICH WOULD BE ENVY OF MANY GUESTS AT THAT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING, BOIVIN WROTE. LE SOLEIL ARTICLE NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR FELT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN TRADITIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN QUEBEC AND U.S. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. AMBASSADOR INVITED EACH FIRM TO CALCULATE ITS OWN INTERESTS AND TO MISTRUST SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECIES IN THIS UNCERTAIN PERIOD.

2. TURNING TO HOTEL/TAX PROBLEM, BOIVIN WROTE THAT AMBASSADOR, AFTER DIPLOMATICALLY NOTING U.S. LAW IS LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN CANADIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTERPART, LET IT BE KNOWN WASHINGTON WAS "SENSITIVE" TO DISTURBANCES RECENT AMERICAN RESTRICTIONS HAVE CAUSED IN CANADA IN HOTEL INDUSTRY. DIPLOMAT INDICATED THAT A SOLUTION FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM COULD BE FOUND DURING RENOGOTIATIONS ALREADY UNDERWAY ON TAXATION. BOIVIN WENT ON TO SUMMARIZE REMARKS AMBASSADOR MADE CONCERNING EFFECT IMPROVED U.S. ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE WOULD HAVE ON CANADA.

3. IN CONVESATION REPORTED SEPTEL, FINMIN JACQUES PARIZEAU'S
CHEF DU CABINET SERGE GUERIN TOLD US THAT HE TOUGHT AMBASSADOR'S
REMARKS WERE VERY PROPER FOR THE SITUATION AND HAD BEEN WELL-
RECEIVED IN HIS MINISTRY.

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